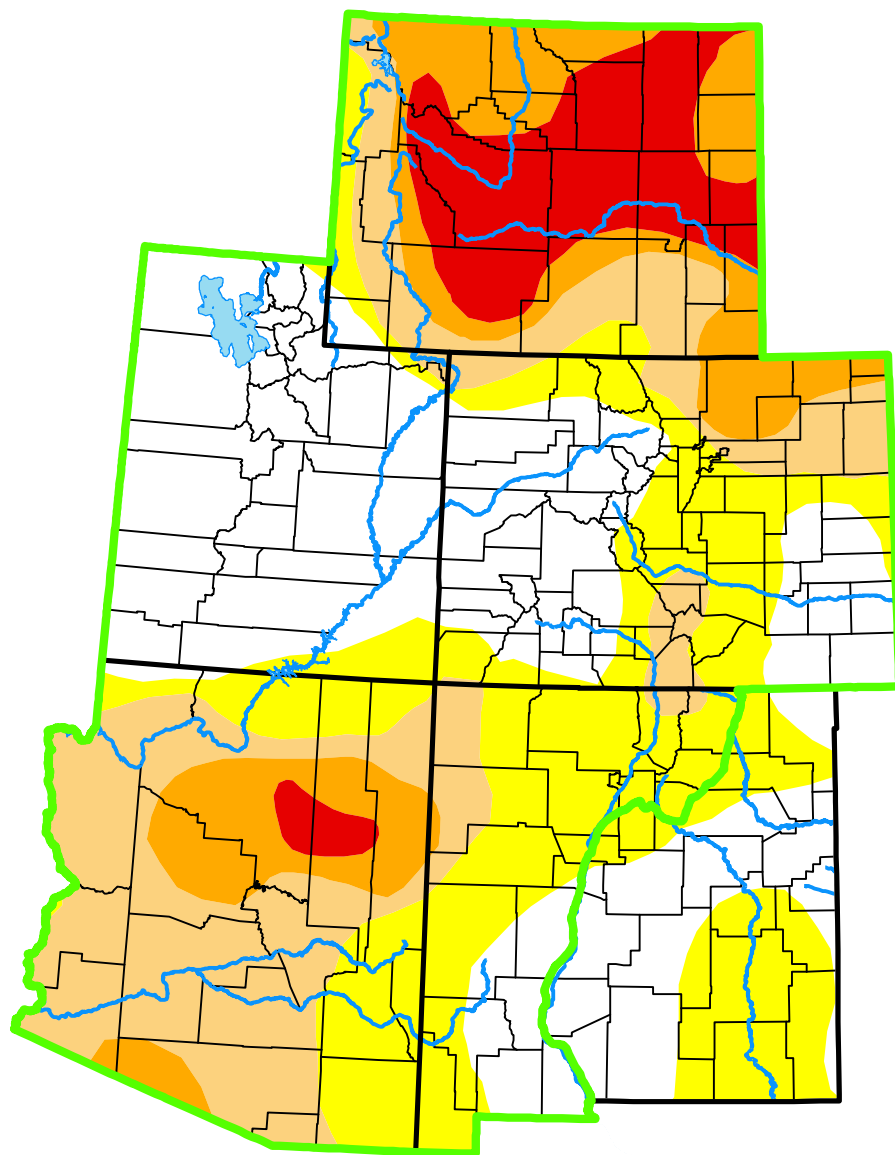


U.S. Drought Monitor

Intermountain West DEWS and Surrounding Areas



December 19, 2006

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	31.08	23.45	22.67	13.33	9.47	0.00
Last Week <i>12-12-2006</i>	31.07	22.96	22.57	13.64	9.77	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-19-2006</i>	21.57	22.71	32.96	11.28	11.48	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	33.36	42.39	24.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-26-2006</i>	21.59	29.52	25.99	11.42	11.49	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-20-2005</i>	40.11	39.73	20.16	0.00	0.00	0.00

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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